

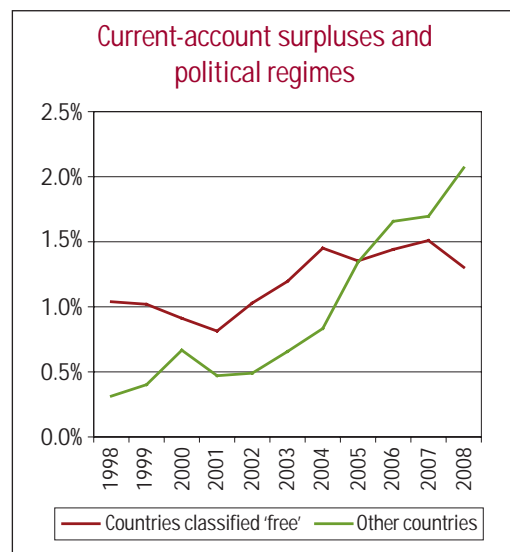
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## SUMMARY

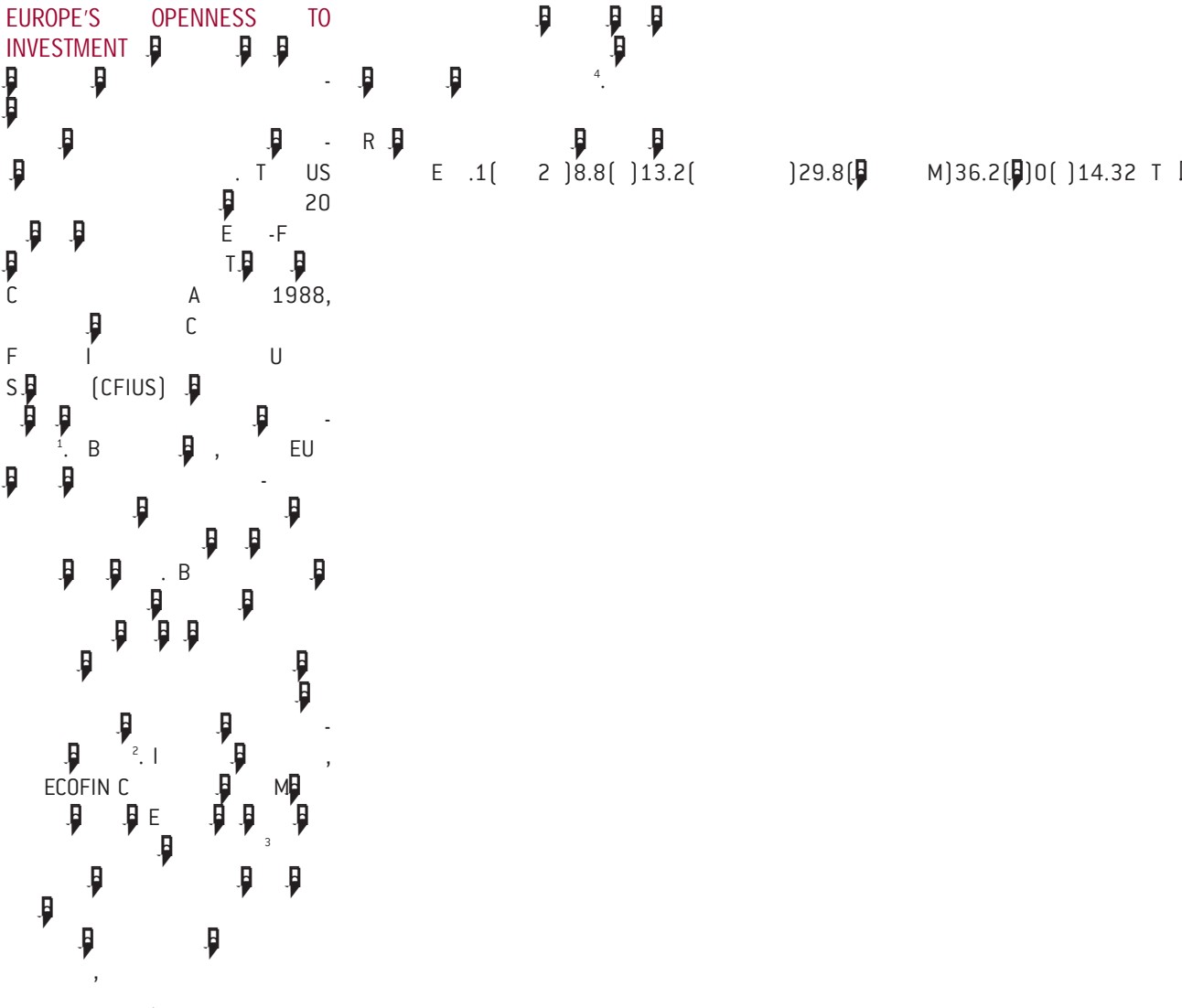
The current crisis may increase both Europe's need for such investment and its sensitivity to the non-economic implications.

### POLICY CHALLENGE

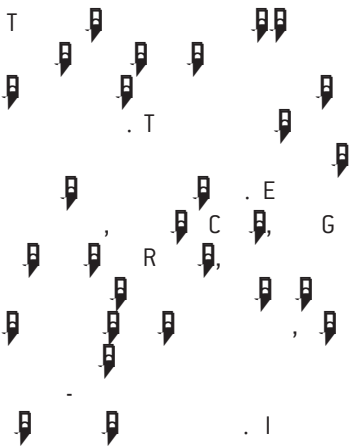
The EU should proactively address the increasing likelihood of mounting political tensions over foreign investment. It needs a comprehensive, open and sustainable framework to address the security aspects of foreign acquisitions, without which there is a risk of protectionist drift



that could harm the economy and impair the integrity of the single market. We recommend anchoring the aims and mechanisms for review of foreign investments in a common EU legislative framework, while implementation, including security assessment of individual investments, would remain a national prerogative. This new approach would enable Europe to maintain its openness to investment while credibly addressing security concerns.



1. A SHIFT IN INVESTMENT PATTERNS







BOX 1: A FRAMEWORK FOR ASSESSING RISK FROM FOREIGN ACQUISITIONS

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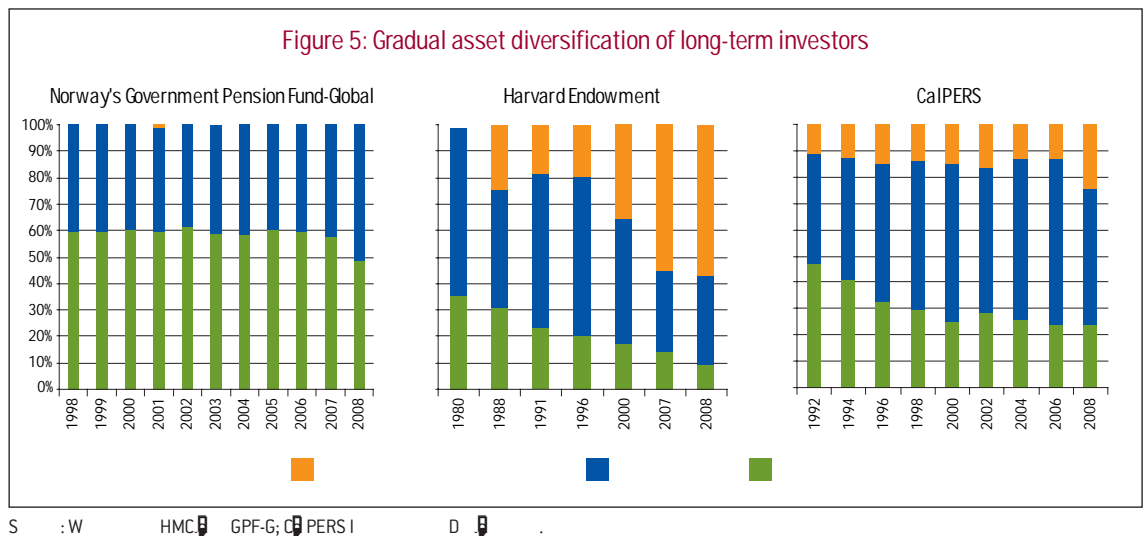
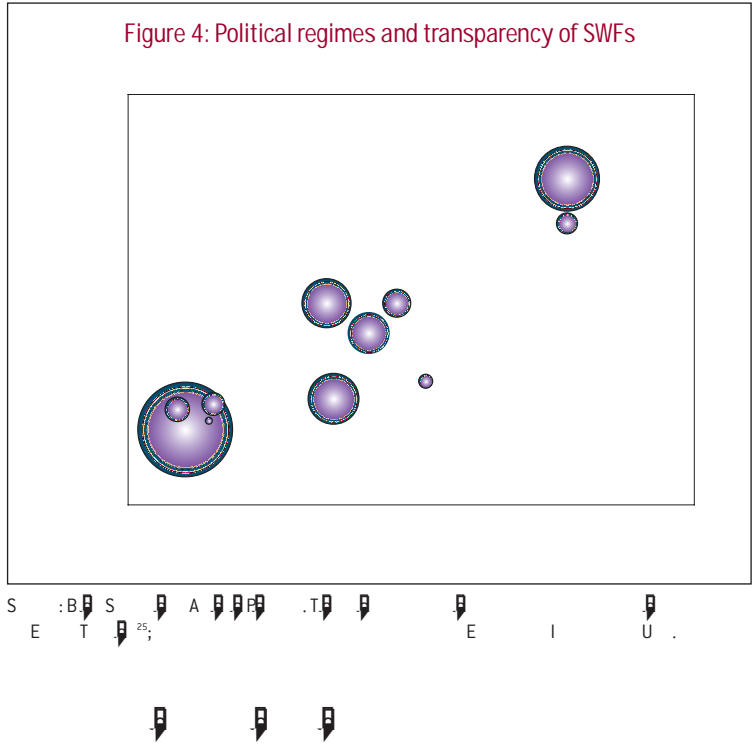
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